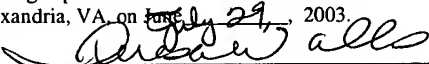


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In the application of:

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

For: Nucleotide Sequences Specific to Brucella
and Methods for the Detection of Brucella

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d) and MPEP 708.02 (XI) to make the above-referenced application special. Submitted with this petition is the fee set forth in the 37 CFR 1.17(i). The application relates to the detection of Brucella, a bacterium that can be used as a bioterrorism weapon. This invention will allow for the quick detection of Brucella thus allowing rapid counter measures to be undertaken.

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